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THE FARM BOY WHO CAN DREAM

It is a good thing for the farmer boy to have an imagination. It is a good thing for him to "dream dreams and see visions." It takes the dreamer to see the transformation that intelligent effort will bring to pass on the old place. It takes the dreamer to see how much more desirable that place will be in ten years than a job in a dry goods store. It is the boy who dreams who sees a field of thrifty alfalfa where that stunted yellow corn is growing on the timber forty. It is the boy who dreams who sees those hungry looking cows with burs in their tails replaced by a herd of dairy matrons that tax the capacity of the milk can at their milking. It is the boy who dreams who sees a waving corn field where the cattails are growing, who sees a woven wire fence in place of the old hedge, and a new barn where the cow shed is falling to pieces. We need more dreamers on the farm. — Prairie Farmer.

It certainly would take some kind of a dreamer to see all those things mentioned by the esteemed Prairie Farmer. By experience and observation we are convinced that dreamers have no place on the farm. True a broader vision of the possibilities of the farm is needed to get out of the old ruts and into the new scientific, diversified and intensified methods, but the fact should not be lost sight of that hard work and good judgment are to be relied upon in making the change, and not upon indulging in day dreams and castle building. The farm is a stern reality and must be treated as such.

Near Waxahachie Saturday, a county convict held on a fine for train riding, made a break for liberty while picking cotton and was shot and killed by his guard. Neither the offense of train riding nor making an attempt to escape is sufficiently heinous offenses in the eyes of the law or in the public condemnation of them to justify the taking of the life of the prisoner. This thing of shooting down prisoners held in custody for the commission of trivial offenses ought to be stopped. — Houston Post.

To shoot an escaping prisoner, or for an officer to shoot a man in order to effect his arrest, has long been one of the most troublesome and perplexing questions with which the preservers of the peace have to deal. To permit them to run away without any effort to stop them destroys respect for constituted authority, and yet to shoot them down looks like adding another crime worse even than the first. Conscience and judgment must govern every officer placed in such trying predicaments.

The proposition of Judge Maloney to the Commercial Club and the Brazos County Crop Diversification and Marketing Association, that a strong citizens' committee be appointed to co-operate with the commissioners' court in the good roads movement, is

a wise suggestion. While no one doubts the ability of the commissioners' court to handle the matter with wise judgment and perfect fairness to all, yet it is a safeguard and precaution that insures satisfaction on the part of the whole people. Let each precinct in the county be represented and by this means the last vestige of opportunity for partially or special favoritism will be removed. There will be no reason left for any voter to oppose the proposed road bond issue on the ground that his precinct would not be given a square deal. Let us have the citizens' committee, let us pass the bond issue, let us build the roads.

The recent session of the city council discussed at length the question of an ordinance covering local weights and measures, but no action was taken. A representative of the pure food department at Austin was here recently and announced that he found short weights and measures. If this is true, if such methods to defraud are being practiced, those guilty should be held up to public condemnation, and those not guilty should use their efforts to secure the passage of such an ordinance as a protection against dishonest methods and as a protection to the general public. By so doing they would protect themselves.

The Turks now say they merely fired at the launch from the American cruiser Tennessee at Smyrna to notify them of the presence of mines. To say the least, it was a remarkable method of notification, as the shells fell so thick around the launch it had to put back to the cruiser. It looks like the Turks were determined to save the launch from mines even if they had to sink it with shells. It looks to use like a case where the remedy was worse than the disease.

Some of the editor-farmers are being called down sharply by the farmers for their advice on farming. One farmer suggested that editors knew about as much about farming as farmers knew about editing the papers. From the looks of part of the farms and some of the papers, it might be well for them to swap positions. — Corpus Christi Democrat.

Governor Colquitt has announced there will be no called session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature. The people knew there would not be all the time as the Attorney General had ruled that he could not legally assemble the newly-elected members prior to the regular session, which meets in January. Besides, if he had issued the call The Eagle believes the members themselves would have bucked.

From all reports Villa seems to be making a triumphal march through Mexico. Carranza's troops are flocking to him and the people either receive him with open arms or fall on his neck. — Bryan Eagle.

The Mexicans realize that the only way to keep Pancho from falling on their necks is to beat him to it. — Austin American.

Those patriots who failed to get a postoffice and are now left out of the Ferguson official family, feel that they escaped Scylla only to be wrecked upon Charybdis.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Small practice can lead to great perfection in the art of laziness.

Crumbs of comfort never come from eating crackers in bed.

Speaking of angels in disguise—but what business has an angel to wear a disguise?

If a woman's credit is good at a dry goods store she never argues about the price.

There is hardly anything less interesting to a girl than being kissed by another girl.

BEGIN CAMPAIGN
ON DIVERSIFICATION

Short But Thorough Campaign to Be Conducted by Extension Department.

"By the first of December we hope to start a quick, short but thorough and comprehensive campaign of definite organization for diversification and automatic reduction of the cotton acreage," says a statement given out today by Clarence Ousley, director of extension at the A. & M. College, who returned last week from Washington. The statement continues:

"This is not to say that much has not been done already by the college and by voluntary organizations of citizens. Indeed, the work we are about to undertake is only cumulative of what has been done by several agencies for weeks past.

"As has been reported by some of the newspapers, the Texas extension service has obtained from Washington an amendment to the Smith-Lever budget whereby two or three men will engage for two or three months in utilizing commercial clubs, district demonstration agents and county demonstration agents in at least one hundred of the principal cotton counties to effect organization among farmers by counties and neighborhoods for agreed acreage in substitute money crops adapted to the locality and for marketing the new crops where they are produced. Farmers are ready and eager to reduce cotton acreage if they can only see their way clear to finance their operations and to market the new crops. When a group of cotton farmers agree among themselves to plant so many acres in corn or grain sorghums, Sudan grass, peas, peanuts, etc., they have automatically agreed among themselves to reduce their cotton acreage. Experience shows that they will so agree when they understand that these other crops can be successfully grown and marketed. The problem varies in every county and it must be worked out jointly by the business men who furnish the credit and by the farmers who produce the crops.

"Extension service organizers and district demonstration agents will meet at College Station next Wednesday, November 25, to arrange itineraries to begin on or about December 1. The organizers will visit as many commercial clubs as possible and endeavor to have representative business men and farmers jointly call a mass meeting of farmers for discussion and organization. The organizer in each case will return to the mass meeting and with the district agent, the county demonstrator and the commercial club officers will render such assistance as is necessary.

"The thought is not to organize and direct the farmers, but to aid them in organizing and directing themselves, as has been done in Brazos and other counties when representative farmers have been organized into diversification and marketing associations, with their own committees on production, on marketing and on organization and education.

"These conferences will develop among business men an intimate knowledge of what their farmers need in order to escape cotton bondage and among farmers a realization of what they can accomplish by acting in concert.

"We have all talked and written a lot; we have had many public gatherings and we have advocated various kinds of relief, legislation and otherwise, all of which has been more or less helpful and educative. The time has now come for final, definite action in reducing theory to practice.

"In undertaking this work the college does not mean to disparage the excellent work being done by other agencies. It is only utilizing the means at hand and it invites the hearty co-operation of all citizens, organized and unorganized. It appeals especially to the commercial organization, merchants and bankers. They cannot employ their agencies and exercise their influence to a better advantage between now and planting time than by assisting in the work of definite and permanent organization among farmers.

"The itineraries of the extension service organizers will be announced in a few days.

"Meanwhile it is to be remembered that the demonstration agents of the Federal Department of Agriculture throughout the South are to be instructed to render active aid in organization for agreed acreage in diversified crops which will work an automatic reduction of cotton acreage.

"This all means a new era for Southern agriculture if we make the most of the opportunity."

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HOPEFUL REPORTS
BEING RECEIVED

Brief Reports From Demonstration Agents Over State Show That Acreage Will Be Reduced.

Further evidence of the resolution of Texas farmers to diversify and correspondingly to reduce the cotton acreage next year is found in the following excerpts from reports of county demonstration agents coming to the State demonstration agent, W. F. Proctor, at the A. & M. College. It will be seen that much work has been done already in organization. The extension service of the college hopes to inaugurate December 1 a sharp campaign of co-operation between commercial clubs and demonstration agents for organization in diversification and marketing. Reduction of cotton acreage is accomplished automatically when farmers agree among themselves to plant larger acreage in other crops. Wherever these organizations have been effected the cotton acreage is reduced forty to fifty per cent.

Canton, M. H. Vandiver—We have organized a central association at the county seat, the object of which is to urge the growing of vegetables, corn, small grain, hay, poultry and pigs, with other crops which go to make a comfortable living for the man on the farm. Another object is the reduction of the cotton acreage by fifty per cent for 1915. The meeting was attended by farmers, business and professional men.

Mount Vernon, Roger Davis—The Commercial Club of Mount Vernon has agreed to retain a man to work in co-operation with another expert to be obtained by the farmers, these two men working for better marketing facilities for truck. At a meeting this week the members pledged themselves to grow more truck, such as watermelons, potatoes, beans, tomatoes, cantaloupes, etc.

Livingston, Joe R. Day—If we are to judge from what the farmers tell us there will be in this county a very light acreage of cotton and a very heavy acreage of feedstuffs and truck next year.

Greenville, John H. Erickson—More than twenty farmers have applied during the past week to co-operate in demonstration work. All agree to reduce cotton acreage from 25 to 50 per cent. More wheat has been planted than usual and more oats and corn will be planted next year than heretofore. At least 55 per cent of the farmers will have to buy corn this winter.

Kaufman, Charles K. Walter—The two meetings held this week were well attended. The county superintendent of education attended both meetings and helped to sow the good seed of diversification.

Pittsburg, D. M. Strange—The farmers are sowing more small grain than they have in many years.

Sweetwater, W. C. Calvert—In my efforts to induce the farmers to reduce their cotton acreage for next year I have the hearty co-operation and support of the Chamber of Commerce and the bankers and business people. A meeting was held this week for the purpose of perfecting ways of supplying the farmers with brood sows and dairy cattle. We hope to import a carload each of sows and cows. Peanuts will be one crop substituted for cotton.

William Ganzer, district agent, Denton—I find that each of my agents report that the farmers are anxious and agree to cut the cotton acreage by half next year.

Quilman, John R. Edwards—The farmers of this section have sowed about four carloads of wheat.

Huntsville, N. R. Tisdal—There is an increase of 500 per cent in oats and crimson clover this fall.

Hemphill, D. O. Price—The farmers are going into the tomato business on a large scale.

Kingsville, J. C. Berryman—Every farmer I have visited the past week has agreed to reduce his cotton acreage at least 40 per cent.

Wharton, J. F. Bagwell—I have held fourteen meetings this week with an approximate attendance of 648 persons. At each meeting I have preached diversification, rotation and more livestock on the farm. Many farmers have agreed to raise everything that is consumed at home in so far as possible.

Bedias, W. M. Plaster—I am reliably informed that the farmers in the vicinity of Navasota have pledged to plant at least 2,000 acres of peanuts next year.

Bryan, A. W. Buchanan—The people are becoming more and more interested in diversification of crops and the cotton acreage reduction movement and are having community meetings all over the county. I have been busy attending night meetings and we expect to have the entire county organized within a very few days.

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